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PFLUM BILL ON FUNDING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PASSED BY HOUSE

INDIANAPOLIS -- Senate Bill 329, legislation co-sponsored by State Rep. Phil Pflum (D-Milton) that will extend the Henry County food and beverage tax until 2015, is eligible for final approval by the governor.

The revenue generated by this tax can be used for capital improvements such as better sewage and drainage systems, main street renovation, the construction of parks and picnic areas and other ways of fostering economic development.

The food and beverage tax rate of 1 percent is not increased by this legislation.

In 2004, this tax generated over \$410,000 for Henry County.

"The extension of this food and beverage tax guarantees funds for economic development projects in Henry County for the next decade," said Pflum.

The Henry County Food and Beverage Tax Council and Capital Improvements Committee will be extended until January 1, 2016.

Wayne County and its cities and towns would also be authorized to adopt a 1 percent food and beverage tax. It is assumed that over \$1 million might accrue in the first full year of the tax's implementation. The revenues could be used for promoting tourism, conventions and economic development.

The bill makes other technical changes to parts of the Indiana Code.